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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PA

SUBJECT: FAA SECTION 32 -POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: STATE 68545 AND 150955; ASUNCION 1719 AND 1624

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM HAVE APPRISED THE GOP OF THE PROVISIONS, BACKGROUND, AND IMPORTANCE OF FAA SECTION 32, DRAWING ON STATE 68545 AND PARA 4 AND 5 OF 150955. THE TEXT OF SECTION 32, IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, WAS GIVEN TO BOTH OFFICIALS. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL PLANS TO PROVIDE THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR WITH THE TEXT OF SECTION 32 AND SUMMARY OF OUR CONVERSATION, FOR DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT STROESSNER.

2. BOTH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OBSERVED THAT THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS HELD BY THE GOP ON INTERNAL SECURITY GROUNDS (SEE ASUNCION 1624) HAS DECLINED SUBSTANTIALLY IN RECENT YEARS. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL GAVE US DETAILS ON THE THREE LATEST PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED (BRINGING THE TOTAL NOW DOWN TO 36) AND HAS ASSURED US THAT HE WILL KEEP THE EMBASSY CURRENT ON INTERNAL

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SECURITY ARRESTS AS WELL AS RELEASES.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE USG CONCERN ON THIS  
IMPORTANT BUT SENSITIVE SUBJECT HAS BEEN MADE  
ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THE GOP.  
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